

Chapter 2.9.3

European Foulbrood of Honey Bees

Note: Article 2.9.3.2 – The entire text of the proposed draft article contains the name of the honey bee disease American foulbrood and it should refer to European foulbrood. The proposed draft text “American foulbrood” should be removed from the article and replaced with “European foulbrood”.

Article 2.9.3.2 – Item (2): Currently states: “American foulbrood should be notifiable in the whole country or zone/compartiment and all clinical signs suggestive of American foulbrood should be subjected to field and laboratory investigations”.

Article 2.9.3.2 – Item (2): Recommend it be changed to: European foulbrood **is** ~~should be~~ notifiable in the whole country or zone/compartiment and all clinical signs suggestive of European foulbrood should be subjected to field and laboratory investigations”.

Rationale: the use of the proposed text “should be” is ambiguous and we recommend that replacement with the word “is” clearly informs the reader that European foulbrood is a notifiable disease in the whole country or zone/compartiment.